



State Route 89A Improvements: Pumphouse Wash to Vista Point Overlook

OVERVIEW

The Arizona Department of Transportation is starting a project that will improve a 3.5-mile segment of State Route 89A at the Oak Creek Canyon switchbacks within the Coconino National Forest beginning April 2014.

The work includes milling the existing asphalt and repaving the roadway between Pine Flat Campground and Vista Point Overlook (Mileposts 387-390), located eight miles north of Slide Rock State Park. Additional work includes replacing guardrail, repairs to the Pumphouse Wash bridge and “rock scaling” to prevent rock falls on the roadway.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Lane restrictions may be used at times on SR 89A throughout the duration of the project. However, in order to complete the work in safe and timely manner, a full closure of SR 89A through the switchbacks, which have steep grades with little to no shoulders, will be necessary for up to five weeks following the Memorial Day holiday and prior to the Fourth of July holiday (May 27 – July 2).

Access to Oak Creek Canyon and Sedona will be maintained throughout the project via I-17 and SR 179. During the full closure, signs and message boards will be used along Interstate 17 and SR 179 to direct travelers to their destination. Access will be maintained at all times for emergency vehicles.

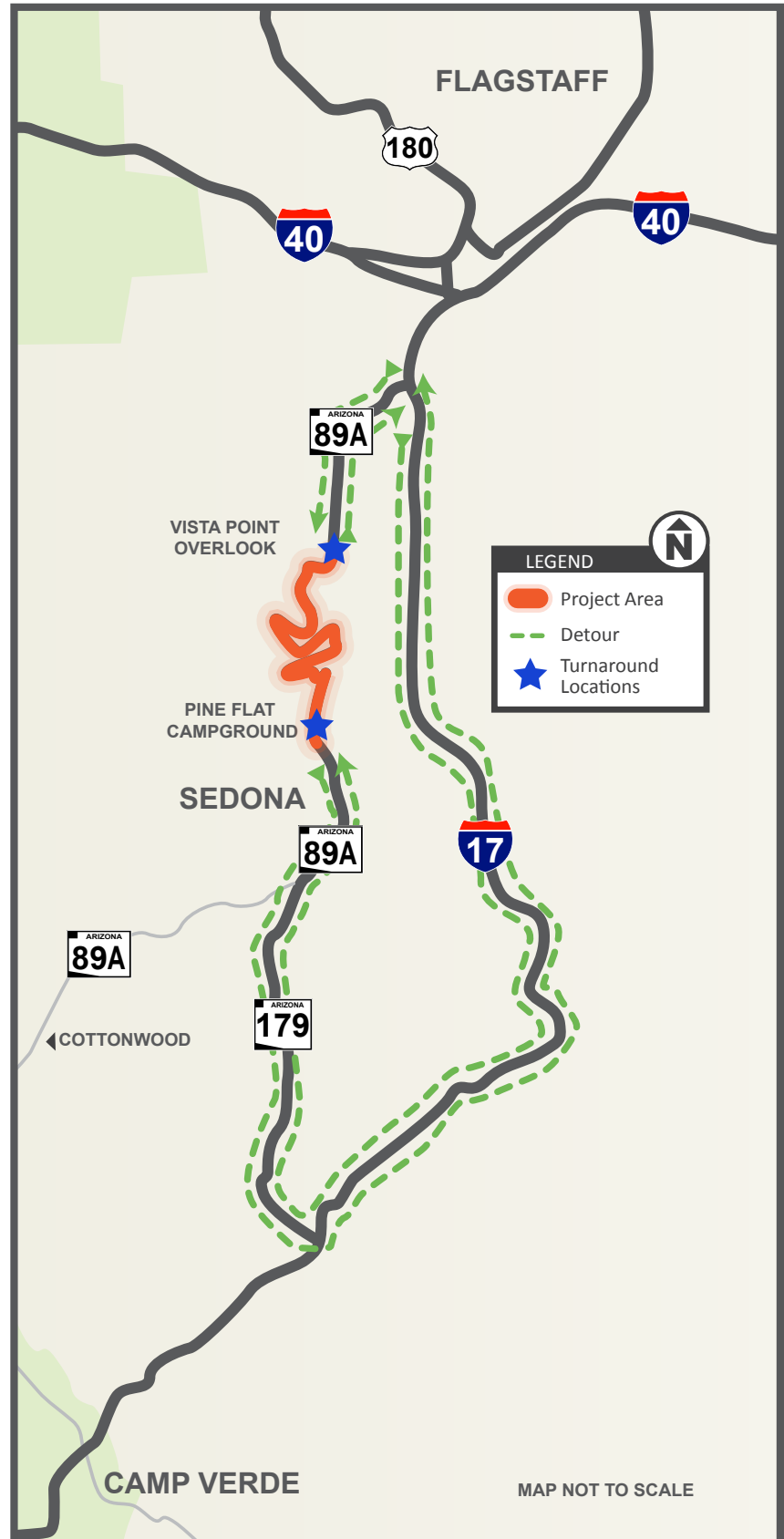
PROJECT PHASES

PHASE I APRIL 21 to MAY 22

- Monday through Thursday construction
- Single-Lane restrictions throughout the project length
- Daytime work only
- Bridge improvements to occur at Pumphouse Wash Bridge
- Guardrail work at campsite and bridge locations
- **Both lanes open during nighttime hours and weekends**

PHASE II MAY 27 through JULY 2

- Construction to be performed around-the-clock; all days and nights within this time
- No public access will be permitted beginning early morning, May 27
- Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be on-site to ensure closure is maintained
- Turnaround for vehicles would be provided at the Pine Flats Campground and Vista Point Overlook locations
- Access will be maintained to the Pine Flats Campground and Vista Point Overlook at all times.
- Work to include milling, paving and rock-fall containment throughout the switchbacks
- **No restrictions will be in place on Memorial Day and July 4th weekends**



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